

EAA475
Chapter Newsletter
June 2020
Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL

The meeting was called to order at 1901 hrs with 12 members and 1 guest present.

It was noted that the minutes of the February meeting had been emailed to all members who were asked if they were accepted. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented and it was noted that the 'annual report' to the Illinois Secretary of State's offices had been submitted along with necessary fees. Additional membership dues were paid into the bank account June, 12th and the latest account balance was reported.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Young Eagles Day

The impact of COVID19 (Co19) caused the cancellation of the planned Young Eagles (YE) Day event earlier this month. It was noted that we should keep open minds regarding the potential to conduct the event later in the year, dependent upon the Co19 restrictions. Currently it appears that the EAA is not insuring any YE events, again due to compliance with restrictions. Comments were made that the on-line YE registration feature 'looks good'. It was asked if the EAA plan to refund our insurance premiums paid to them if they will not insure YE events.

Fly-overs/Fly-outs

While it appears that Lena has cancelled its Fall Festival, the idea of interested pilots making a fly over on the originally planned date was discussed. It was noted that the planned fly-outs to American Champion and Dayton's museum are deferred until restrictions are lifted. It was discussed that there have been several reports in the press about people intending to fly to Whitman airport during the Airventure dates. It was noted that Oshkosh would be operating under its normal procedures. The 'Mail Run' event is still scheduled to take place 26th September and details regarding planning will be forthcoming in the near future.

Fund Raising

The CUBS 'Brat stand' is currently shut down; the chapter will check the status prior to our scheduled September event. It was noted that the Oshkosh breakfast event is obviously cancelled. Thanks were expressed to those that had volunteered their time to support the breakfast event.

Chapter Web Site

Recognition of the efforts of the new 'Web-Master' were made; we now have a Chapter 475 web-site (475.EAAchapter.org) accessible on the main EAA web page as well as a new Facebook account. A discussion ensued regarding the use of the web-site..... "Should it just be for a general point of contact or should it contain useful information". Any content placed there will be in the public domain so sensitive information, privacy concerns etc., must be taken into account and appropriate permissions sought prior to publishing on the site. The option to post a newsletter (basically a redacted form of these minutes) was agreed too. It was also agreed that any member can post items of interest to the site whilst recognizing the foregoing constraints.

Airport Manager's Report

The airport manager briefed the chapter on work progressing at the field including:

- Potential relocation of the airfield sign post to the intersection of the new entrance road and Baileyville Rd.
- The FBO staff are scheduled for training on the use of the new 'electric vault' that powers the field's taxiway and runway lighting.
- A new 'control board' for the PAPI system is being ordered and, once installed, the FAA Flight Checkers will be called in to assess the system's precision and functionality.
- The project to replace the field's 4 feet fence is progressing.
- The chapter was reminded that appropriate caution and adherence to airport rules is required of all persons operating vehicles on airport property.

AOB

The members welcomed our guest, who was sponsored by the chapter at the Young Eagles Academy eight years ago. Once qualified as a pilot he engaged in flying high altitude aerial surveillance work and currently flies aircraft ferry flights. His aviation aspirations include becoming a corporate aviation pilot.

The restaurant located at Lone Rock (KLNR) airport holds a dinner event from 1700-1900 hrs each Monday and Friday and it was discussed if anybody would be interested in a group fly-in to sample their offerings.

The motion to adjourn at 1955 hrs was approved by all.